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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 13,  
1974:

QUOTE: Q. SINCE ARAFAT HAS BEEN IN NEW YORK, WHICH  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH HIM?

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE HAD ANY  
CONTACT WITH HIM.

Q. WHO HAS HAD CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW  
YORK -- JUST THE POLICE?

A. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER PEOPLE OTHER THAN SECURITY  
PEOPLE. AND THERE IS NO PLAN OR ANTICIPATION OF ANY MEET-  
ING WITH MR. ARAFAT ON THE PART OF OUR OFFICIALS.

Q. HOW ABOUT OTHER PLO DELEGATES OR PARTICIPANTS IN THE  
DEBATE FROM THE PLO?

A. I THINK ON THAT, I'D JUST GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID

YESTERDAY TO YOU: THAT NO MEETINGS ARE ANTICIPATED WITH  
EITHER THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
DELEGATION.

Q. WHEN IS HE GOING TO BE LEAVING, DO YOU KNOW?

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A. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME.

Q. II MR. BUFFUM UP THERE?

A. NO, HE'S HERE.

Q. IS THERE ANYONE UP THERE FROM THE BUILDING?

A. THERE WAS ONE GENTLEMAN FROM THE NEA BUREAU THAT DID GO UP. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S STILL THERE OR NOT.

Q. WHO?

A. HIS NAME IS WAT CLUVERIUS, WHO IS AN OFFICER IN THE NEA BUREAU, WHO WENT UP SOME DAYS AGO AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITY PEOPLE AND OUR UN MISSION TO HELP THEM CARRY OUT ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL TASKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OBVIOUS SECURITY NEEDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLO'S STAY AT THE UN.

THAT IS THE ONLY REASON THAT HE WAS THERE. HE HASN'T HAD, AND HE WON'T HAVE, ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS WITH THE PLO DELEGATION.

Q. DO YOU FEEL THAT ARAFAT'S PRESENCE IN NEW YORK AND THE WHOLE PALESTINE DEBATE WILL HELP OR HURT THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT?

A. ON THAT I THINK THAT JOHN SCALI UP IN NEW YORK HAS MADE VERP CLEAR OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE FORTH-COMING DEBATE. I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THE DEBATE TURNS OUT. OBVIOUSLY, THE LESS ACRIMONY THAT THERE WILL BE THE BETTER THAT WOULD BE TO ASSIST IN THE ON-GOING EFFORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO MAKE WITH REGARD TO OBTAINING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. DOES MR. SCALI OR ANY OTHER U.S. OFFICIAL PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE? ARE THEY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK?

A. I DO NOT KNOW THAT, WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK ON OUR SIDE, UNCLASSIFIED

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OR IF WE ARE GOING TO SPEAK. I'LL TAKE THE QUESTION THOUGH.

Q. IT WAS REPORTED IN AL AHRAH THIS MORNING THAT KING FAISAL TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO REIMPOSE THE OIL EMBARGO IF PROGRESS IS NOT MADE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT?

A. WELL, THE REPORT I SAW SAID THAT THERE WAS AN ALLEGED LETTER FROM KING FAISAL TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY MENTIONING THE SUBJECTS THAT YOU JUST DID. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH LETTER. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT I CHECKED THE WHITE HOUSE EARLIER, AND THEY ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH LETTER TOO.

Q. APART FROM THE LETTER HAS FAISAL OR ANY OTHER SAUDI OFFICIAL TOLD AMBASSADOR AKINS OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL WORDS TO THAT EFFECT?

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO. LET ME ADD HERE, ON BACKGROUND, A QUESTION THAT I THINK MARVIN ASKED ME YESTERDAY ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S SEEING ANY ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS. ON BACKGROUND, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF, SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF, WILL PROBABLY BE HERE TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK, AND THE SECRETARY WILL SEE HIM. BUT THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THAT PROBABLY TOMORROW OR FRIDAY.

AND ALSO I MIGHT ADD THAT, AGAIN WITH REGARD TO MARVIN'S QUESTION, THAT JOE SISCO WILL BE GOING UP TO NEW YORK FOR A LONG-STANDING SPEECH HE WAS SCHEDULED TO MAKE TO THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TONIGHT. AND THIS AFTERNOON HE WILL BE SEEING SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM AND LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TAKLA.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THE ISRAELIS OR ANY MEMBER OF CONGRESS CONTACTED THE SECRETARY CONCERNING GENERAL BROWN'S COMMENTS?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.  
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Q. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE A POSITION ON GENERAL BROWN'S COMMENTS?

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT ON IT. THIS WAS ADDRESSED RATHER FULLY TODAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND IT'S THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

Q. CAN YOU CHECK WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY EITHER A MEMBER OF CONGRESS OR SOMEONE FROM THE ISRAELIS.

A. LET ME SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT.

Q. YOU HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF GENERAL BROWN'S COMMENTS YOURSELF?

A. NO.

Q. AND THE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T?

A. NO. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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